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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 26, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex. rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUE000740

Ex Parte: In the matter
concerning a draft plan
for phase-in of retail
electric competition

ORDER INVITING FURTHER RESPONSES

On December 21, 2000, the Commission issued an Order ("the December 21 Order") in this matter prescribing notice and inviting comments concerning the Commission Staff's report and draft plan ("the draft plan") for the transition to full retail choice for electric generation. The Commission's development and adoption of such a plan is expressly required by Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act.¹ The December 21 Order invited comment on the draft plan by interested parties, such comments to be filed with the Clerk of this Commission on or before February 15, 2001. The Order also provided such interested parties an opportunity to request a hearing or oral argument on the draft plan.

The following parties filed comments on or before February 15, 2001: the Virginia Committee for Fair Utility Rates and the Old Dominion Committee for Fair Utility Rates (filing jointly); the New Power Company; Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc.; Kentucky Utilities Company d/b/a/ Old Dominion Power Company; Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"); Potomac Edison Company d/b/a Allegheny Power; Appalachian Power Company, d/b/a American Electric Power

¹ § 56-577 A 2 a

Company; Ladd Furniture, Inc.; Henkel-Harris Co.; Webb Furniture Enterprises, Inc.; Delmarva Power and Light Company; Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Counsel; the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, and its Virginia member cooperatives ("the Cooperatives"); Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative; and AES New Energy, Inc. Virginia Power requested oral argument on the issues presented by the draft plan, while the Cooperatives requested an evidentiary hearing.

On February 26, 2001, the Staff of the Commission filed a Supplemental Staff Report on the Schedule for the Transition to Retail Access ("draft plan supplement"), making several key modifications to such plan. According to the Staff, the modifications respond to information and recommendations contained in comments filed by interested parties, to date. A copy of the draft plan supplement is attached to this Order.

In light of this development, the Commission believes it would be helpful to obtain further responses from interested parties concerning the Staff's draft plan supplement, preparatory to making any further procedural or substantive determinations in this matter. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before March 5, 2001, interested persons may file written responses to the Staff's draft plan supplement. An original and fifteen (15) copies of any such responses shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. The responses shall refer to Case No. PUE000740, and shall set forth the person's interest in this proceeding.

(2) Interested persons may obtain a copy of this Order, together with the Staff's draft plan supplement, by directing a request in the writing for the same to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Such

requests shall refer to Case No. PUE000740. Interested parties may also obtain a copy of these documents from the Commission's website, which may be accessed at <http://www.state.va.us/scc/caseinfo/orders.htm>.

- (3) This matter shall be continued, pending further order of this Commission.